

Investing for the long run The investment strategy for the Government Pension Fund Global

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It is a pleasure for the Ministry of Finance to invite you to the **Investment Strategy Summit 2011** with the Strategy Council and their distinguished invited guests,

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The Strategy Council in 2011 consists of: Professor **Elroy Dimson** (chair), London Business School Managing Director **Antti Ilmanen**, AQR Capital Management Senior Analyst **Øystein Stephansen**, DnB NOR Professor and Rector **Eva Liljeblom**, Hanken School of Economics

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Programme

09:00 - 09:15	Coffee and registration
09:15 - 09:30	Welcome note by the Ministry of Finance

- 09:30 09:45 Introduction Prof. Elroy Dimson Raconteur: Peter Stanyer
- 09:45 11:30 Session 1: Harvesting liquidity premia Chair: Dr. David Chambers Prof. Roger Ibbotson Prof. Andrew Ang Mr. Øystein Stephansen
- 11:30 12:45 Lunch
- 12:45 14:30 Session 2: Time-varying risk premia Chair: Prof. Elroy Dimson Prof. Rajnish Mehra Dr. Antti Ilmanen Dr. Sung Cheng Chih
- 14:30 15:00 Coffee break
- 15:00 16:45Session 3: Emerging market investments
Chair: Prof. Eva Liljeblom
Prof. Campbell Harvey
Prof. Elroy Dimson
Prof. Arne Jon Isachsen

16:45 - 17:00Concluding remarksDirector General Pål Haugerud



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Dr. Sung Cheng Chih worked for the Government of Singapore Investment Corporation (GIC) between 1993 and 2011. Prior to his retirement from GIC, he was Managing Director and Chief Risk Officer. In addition to serving as advisor on investment strategy to the Norwegian Government Pension Fund, Dr Sung is currently investment advisor to Singapore's Ministry of Finance, a consultant to GIC as well as advisor to or board member of several public agencies, financial institutions and universities in Asia. Dr. Sung holds a PhD degree in mathematics from the University of Minnesota.



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